Bill No.: HB-7243
Title: AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY SAFETY AND SECURITY POLICIES.
Vote Date: 3/19/2019
Vote Action: Joint Favorable
PH Date: 3/7/2019

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SPONSORS OF BILL:
Public Safety Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:
A Connecticut resident was unable to contact the ride share driver when their child had left home going to commit suicide. If there was a system in place for outside parties to contact the ride sharing company this situation may have been avoided.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:
None

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

Daniel Coppinger Mr. Coppinger uses his testimony to give examples of reasons the ride sharing companies policies are not operating in a way that allows for riders and drivers to be completely safe. He references the incident that occurred involving a suicidal youth who ran away from home in an Uber. How there was no way for the parents or police to contact anyone from the company to warn the driver of the situation. He testifies to the fact that there is no number to contact in an exigent emergency. He mentions how Uber has a policy wherein they will not transport juveniles, but Daniel states that this policy is not enforced.

Rich Power, Public Policy Manager, Lyft He talks about the policies that Lyft currently has in place such as; Ride tracking, background checks, and a 24/7 critical response line.

De'Shawn Wright, Public Policy Senior Manager, Uber Technologies Inc.
He testifies Uber announced a $64 million commitment to create a dedicated safety engineering center. Mr. Wright also mentions current policies Uber has in place such as; The “Ride Check” Program, The Law Enforcement Response Team, and teaming with RapidSOS.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None

Reported by: Assistant Clerk Don Cretella Date: 3/25/19